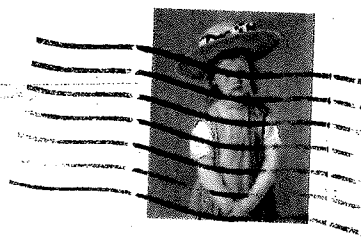




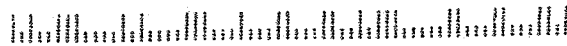
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Some Origins of Easter Traditions

During the 4th century consuming eggs during Lent became taboo. However, spring is the peak egg-laying time for hens, so people began to cook eggs in their shells to preserve them.

Eventually people began decorating and hiding the eggs for children to find during Easter, which gave birth to the Easter Egg Hunt. Other egg-related games also evolved like egg tossing and egg rolling.

A Polish folktale tells of the Virgin Mary giving eggs to soldiers at the cross while she pleaded with them to be merciful. As her tears dropped they spattered on the

eggs mottling them with a myriad of colors

The Easter bunny has its origin in pre-Christian fertility lore. The Rabbit and the hare were the most fertile animals known and served as symbols of new life during the Spring season. It seems to have started in Germany, where it was first mentioned in German writings in the 1500s. The first edible Easter bunnies were made of pastry and sugar in Germany during the early 1800s. The Easter bunny was introduced to American folklore by German settlers who arrived in the Pennsylvania Dutch country during the 1700s.

(Sources – <http://www.web-holidays.com/easter/> and http://www.rainbowidiomas.com.ar/minilessomweb/the_easter_bunny.htm)



Descendants of Richard II and Jane Gladney

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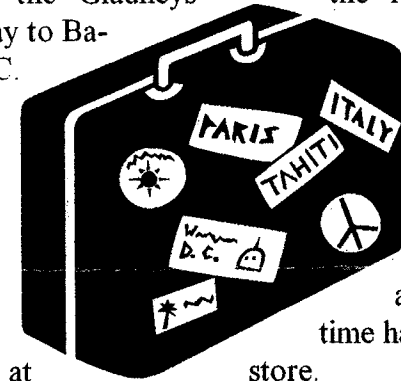
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Special points of interest:

- Baton Rouge is the site of the 2004 Gladney Reunion
- Winnsboro is the 2005 site. Back home again!!!
- Send you news to the Gladney Gram. We want to know what you are up to!

Baton Rouge – Here we come!

Once again the Gladneys are on their way to Baton Rouge. C. Wallace and Blanche have again undertaken the monumental task of hosting the reunion. It will be at the same hotel as the last time



the reunion was held there. Baton Rouge is an old, wonderful, historic town and those of you who were unable to attend the last time have a great treat in store. Limited details on page 7.

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Back to Winnsboro in 2005

The 2005 Reunion will be held in Winnsboro, SC. Since we had such a small turn out in 2002 we all need to start contacting all our GLADNEY cousins and invite them to the reunion.

Many of our regular attendees are growing older and sometimes driving is not feasi-

ble for them. We can each help by contacting close cousins who live along our path going to Winnsboro and offering to drive them or to caravan with them.

This is a treasured time and we should include as many as possible in order to keep our family association strong.

President's Page by Bettye Bond

Hello once again Cousins,

Is the time flying by for you all as fast as it is for us? WOW! Where have all the months gone?

We left PA right after Christmas and drove to Houston, TX where we flew to Quito, Ecuador to spend two weeks with our son Rodney and his family.

As stated before they are Global Outreach Missionaries in Ecuador and loving it very much. It is hard on Meme and Grandpa to have our dear ones so far away, but knowing they are doing what they feel our Lord has for them, makes us feel very humble and proud.

C. Wallace has been working hard on our reunion and information will be included in this newsletter. He says we will go to the same Hotel and renovation has changed several things there. We are so grateful to C. Wallace and Blanch for hosting the reunion again. They did a terrific job when we were there before.

We must remind you that July is our DUES month and if you will include your \$10.00 dues check to C. Wallace

along with your reunion check it will help him have that task finished in one stroke of the pen. He has done a great job, even tho' he states "I am a terrible treasurer." We thank him for his service to our family association.

Buddy Stevenson, Ed's son in Winnsboro, emailed me that Ed's Granddaughter Anna, died in an auto accident on Nov. 1, 2003. We sent our sympathy and love to Ed. He has been a good friend to our Gladney family.

We have been contacted by several cousins, some new and some AWOL for a while. But, regardless of the situation, we are happy to have them contact us and show interest for our family association. I am including a few for your information/enjoyment. *(These can be found on page 4.)*

We have also been contacted by cousins who have lost spouses and others who have health problems. We pray for each family and lay their needs at the feet of our Lord.

We hope to see you in Baton Rouge.

Gene and Bettye Bond

Gladney Reunion 2004

Baton Rouge, LA

25 - 27 June

Comfort Inn

2445 So. Acadian Thruway
Baton Rouge, La. 70808

Use Interstate 10 exit 157, go North just a few yards, turn right into Denny's then right again to Comfort Inn. which faces I 10.

Make reservations by calling

1 (800) 424-6423 or 1 (225) 236-4000

Be sure to indicate Gladney Family Reunion.

Rooms are \$69 + tax for either king or two double beds .

Includes continental breakfast with waffles,
juice, fruit, cereal, coffee, sweet rolls.

Reception will start at 4 PM on Friday.

Executive Board Meeting will be Friday afternoon from 5-6 PM.

(Board members plan to be there early so we can get our work done.)

Plans are incomplete at this time.

We will probably eat at the hotel both nights with catered meals.

Speakers and/or entertainment are not yet firmed up

A reunion reservations form and more information including the prices for the banquet, reception and any other costs will be sent in a special flyer in late April or early May.

Make Your Reunion Plans NOW!

Make your hotel reservations for the 2004 Gladney Reunion now! Lodging is the responsibility of the individual.

The reunion will be held at the COMFORT INN in Baton Rouge, LA. The reservations desk can be reached at 1 (800) 424-6423 or 1 (225) 236-4000. Be sure to mention that you are attending the Gladney Reunion.

As of now, the plans for the reunion are incomplete. A special flyer will be sent out in late April or early May and will include a reunion reservations form as well as a detailed outline of all the scheduled activities and the related costs.

Since last year's reunion had to be cancelled let's make this a year to remember! See you in Baton Rouge!!!

Gladney Cousins cont.

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I have been out of the loop for so long, I hope you will remember me. This is Pam Gladney, my folks were Frankie and EB from Mississippi--part of that redneck Wilma/Happy/Dixie/Richard and Charlayne bunch--and proud of it.

My husband (Shane Martin) and I visited the cemetery last June en route from Charlotte to Sumter, SC. It looks so different. Of course the trees (and I) are about 20 years older than when we first met. And let me tell you, if that field has not been mowed in advance, you can lose a full size car in it. We almost did, but finally followed the flying grasshoppers out.

My address is correct in the 2002 roster, and my married name is still Gladney. There are way more Martins

out there, so I kept it.

Thanks,

Pam Gladney

(Here is one that is very different!)

Hello.

My name is Michelle Sprague and I work for the Bureau of Missing Heirs. We are a probate law office in Ceres, California. I am looking for Michael Gladney. He was left money from his mothers' estate. Her name was Gladys Louise Gladney. Gladys Gladneys' father was Allen Gill Gladney and her mother was Ida Mae Logan Gladney. They are originally from Oklahoma.

If you have any information on this family please contact me at: msprague@bureauofmissingheirs.com
Thank you for your time,
Michelle

Katherine G. Wells

Katherine Gladney Wells, a Richard descendant and one of the great women of the arts in St. Louis and a source of indomitable energy in the community, died at her home 24 December 2004 after a long struggle with emphysema. She was 85.

Mrs. Wells was the daughter of Frank Y. Gladney, a founder of the Seven-Up Co., and his wife Katherine Graves Gladney.

According to her daughter, Mrs. Wells demonstrated toughness and a will to live at the end of her life, just as she had as an infant. She was born with influenza during the pandemic of 1918, but survived.

Her husband was Ben H. Wells, retired chief executive officer of Seven-Up. He died in 1995.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells were devoted to the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. In time, she became an honorary member of the orchestra. For decades, she appeared in special concerts and conducted her own compositions.

She was a founder of the Writer's Workshop of the Wednesday Club. She wrote numerous poems, stories, articles and 'Symphony and Song, The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra: The First Hundred Years 1880-1980.'

In 1972, the Aspen Musicians Guild

awarded her 'Best Program by an American Woman Composer.'

She was Chairman of the Board of the St. Louis Conservatory and Schools for the Arts (CASA), from which she received an honorary degree in 1982.

Other awards were 'A Woman of Achievement' in the Creative category by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat in 1969 and, with her husband, the 'Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award' from the St. Louis Arts and Education Council in 1994.

She was buried 30 December 2003 at Valhalla Cemetery.

(The above was taken from a news article by Robert W. Duffy of the St. Louis Dispatch and an obituary. Thanks to Enid Barnes for sending the articles to the Gladney Gram.)

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Sara Pierson Gladney Begins Fellowship at Emory University

Sara Pierson Gladney, an honors graduate of Louisiana State University Medical School in 2000, completed her residency at Emory University in Atlanta, GA in December 2003.

Sara began her Fellowship at Emory in January.

She is the daughter of Frank Hayes Gladney and the granddaughter of the late Dr. Thomas Y. Gladney of Baton Rouge, LA.

(Thanks to Sara's proud dad for sending the above information to the Gladney Gram. The entire Gladney family wishes her well and are proud of her accomplishments. We look forward to future updates)

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Gladney Cousins Contact Bettye Bond

Bettye,

I am a descendant of Thomas Gladney, s/o Richard and Jane Wilson Gladney. Thomas's daughter Rebecca, w/o John Gray Gregg, Jr., was the mother of Margaret Gregg, w/o Benjamin East. My maternal grandmother, Annie Mae East, was their great-grand-daughter (grave site in.... Randolph Co.) The Gladney web site puts it all together and in perspective.

I also am a descendant of the McCreights. My gggrandmother, Mary Rebecca McCreight Williamson, w/o John Henry Williamson, was a descendant of William McCreight, I find it fascinating that these Irish immigrants were so intertwined and migrated from SC together to Alabama.

Myra Daniel Morgan

Below is my address and lineage:

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Leichhardt
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Australia

(ed. Note - Lineage omitted due to space. Rilka is a Richard descendant through Mary Louise Gladney Oakley.)

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Things to Think About

Each of you to be thinking of a board member to nominate next year. We will need to add another at that time. Please contact Bettye Bond, in writing, with the name or names of persons you think will work compatibly with the existing Board and Officers of your Association. We will consider those names at the Executive Board meeting in 2004 at Baton Rouge.

Wally Gladney, our Historian in Lexington, KY, has copies of *Gladneys In America* by Mildred Arnold and we will do as before - a Reunion special - a cash

and carry price to save postage and handling by Wally- at Baton Rouge. Buy some for each of your Grand/Great Grand children. These books have been the Gladney Bible for many years and we have all treasured them.

We need to have more of you to send in information to Terri Spurling for the GladneyGram. We always need information on births, deaths, birthdays, graduations - any news at all. Send your info to: Terri Spurling, ed.

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My father started out working in computers, and also teaching, and finished his working career in a bookshop that sells books on spiritual development. He changed track in his life when we were children and has devoted the past 20 or so years to Theosophy.

He is now retired and living with me and my husband as he has lost his sight and can no longer live on his own. My mother (remarried) lives in Florida and works as a teacher and tutor.

I am a descendant of Samuel & Agnes McCreight Gladney. *(ed. Note: Lineage has been omitted due to space.)*

My Grandfather, Samuel Langhorne, used to come to the reunions and tried to get me to come but I was young and had other things to do. I wish I could have gone to one with him or my Uncle Dub. Will you put me on your mailing list and let me know the plans for the up-coming reunion, I will try to attend with my father.

Thanks, Sam Gladney
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Keller, TX 76248

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